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14: POLLUTER PAYS PRINCIPLE

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1. SUMMARY: NUMEROUS AMENDMENTS WERE PUT FORWARD TO
ACTION PROPOSAL ON POLLUTER PAYS PRINCIPLE IN EXEC COMM
DISCUSSION SEPT.26. MAJOR UNRESOLVED QUESTIONS
INDICATED BELOW. ACTION REQUESTED: INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE
FURTHER EXEC COMM CONSIDERATION FRIDAY OCTOBER 4,
PARTICULARLY CONCERNING QUESTIONS RAISED PARAS 4, 5, 6
AND 7 BELOW. END SUMMARY.

2. PARA I-2: DEVELOPING COUNTRIES PROBLEM REPORTED
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3. PARA II-2: AUSTRALIAN DELEGATION PROPOSED ADDITION OF FOLLOWING SENTENCE: "SUCH ASSISTANCE SHOULD BE REGARDED AS ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF POLICIES TO BRING ABOUT SOCIALLY DESIRABLE STRUCTURAL CHANGE." PROPOSAL RECEIVED NO SUPPORT AND AUSTRALIANS AGREED TO SEEK NEW INSTRUCTIONS.

4. PARA II-3: CANADIAN DELEGATION PROPOSED ALTERNATE WORDING AS "AID MAY BE REQUIRED FOR THE PURPOSE OF STIMULATING EXPERIMENTATION WITH NEW POLLUTION CONTROL TECHNOLOGIES AND DEVELOPMENT OF ANY POLLUTION ABATEMENT EQUIPMENT" INSTEAD OF FLAT STATEMENT THAT SUCH ASSISTANCE IS NOT INCONSISTENT WITH PPP. AFTER CONSULTATION FOLLOWING EXEC COMM MEETING, SECRETARIAT PROPOSES FOLLOWING COMPROMISE WORDING: "AID GIVEN FOR THE PURPOSE OF STIMULATING EXPERIMENTATION WITH NEW POLLUTION CONTROL ABATEMENT EQUIPMENT MAY BE REGARDED AS ACCEPTABLE." THUS AT THE NEXT EXEC COMM MEETING, THREE VERSIONS WILL BE UNDER CONSIDERATION.

5. PARA II-4: BECAUSE OF THEIR SPECIAL PROBLEM IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF SOUTHERN ITALY'

ITALIAN DELEGATION WANTS PARA TO BEGIN: "WHERE MEASURES TAKEN TO PROMOTE A COUNTRY'S SPECIFIC SOCIO-ECONOMIC OBJECTIVES, SUCH AS REDUCTION OF INTERREGIONAL IMBALANCES,..."

6. PARA III-2(B): GERMAN DELEGATION PROPOSED FOLLOWING WORDING: "IT SHOULD BE RELATED TO WELL-DEFINED TRANSITIONAL PERIODS LAID DOWN IN ADVANCE AND ADAPTED TO SPECIFIC CIRCUMSTANCES OF BOTH SOCIO-ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL RELEVANCE." ONLY TURKS SUPPORTED.

7. PARA III-2 (C): CANADA PROPOSED ADDITIONAL OF FOLLOWING PHRASE: "BUT WHERE SUCH DISTORTION OCCURS, MEMBER COUNTRIES WOULD CONTINUE TO BE BOUND BY THEIR OBLIGATIONS AND FREE TO EXERCISE THEIR RIGHTS UNDER THE GATT." THERE WAS NO SUPPORT FROM OTHER DELS.
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8. PARA III-4: AUSTRALIA WAS STILL ADAMANT REGARDING NOTIFICATION AND PROPOSED THAT PARAS 4 AND 5 BE REPLACED BY FOLLOWING: "THAT, IF NECESSARY, USE BE MADE OF A CONSULTATION PROCEDURE AS MENTIONED IN THE GUIDING PRINCIPLES (C(72)128)." THE UNITED KINGDOM PROPOSED A NEW PARA III-4 TO READ: "THAT IN ACCORDANCE WITH APPROPRIATE PROCEDURES GOVERNING PROVISION

OF THIS ASSISTANCE, PROGRAMS TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO
OLD AND NEW PLANTS BE NOTIFIED TO MEMBER COUNTRIES
THROUGH THE OECD SECRETARIAT. WHEREVER PRACTICABLE
THESE NOTIFICATIONS MUST OCCUR PRIOR TO NOTIFICATION OF
SUCH PROGRAMS." INTENT OF UK PROPOSAL IS UNCLEAR.
OTHER DELS COULD ACCEPT ONE OR OTHER OF PRESENT VERSIONS
PARA 4 OR LIKE U.S. COULD ACCEPT EITHER.
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